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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AID TO FIGHT FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

1. GOA YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED ALLOCATION OF \$A2.6 MILLION FOR AID TO INDONESIA IN FIGHT AGAINST FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE. RECENT OUTBREAK IN BALI CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO GOA AND AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY BECAUSE POSSIBLE SPREAD THROUGH PAPUA/NEW GUINEA VIA WEST IRIAN, AND THEN TO AUSTRALIA. SPOKESMEN OF AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCY INDICATED AID PROGRAM WOULD BE UNDER WAY EARLY SEPTEMBER, WITH IMMEDIATE START ON ASSISTANCE IN CONTROL PROGRAM BALI AND EAST JAVA.

2. PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE PROVISION OF COMPLETE UNIT TO PRODUCE TISSUE CULTURE FMD VACCINE FOR THE ANIMAL FIROLOGY INSTITUTE AT SURABAJA. GOA WILL ALSO PROVIDE BUILDINGS FOR UNIT, VEHICLES AND COOL BOXES FOR PROGRAM, WHICH WILL PROBABLY RUN FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IS TO BE GIVEN IN BALI WITH THE PROVISION OF 350,000 DOSES OF VACCINE PER ANNUM UNTIL VACCINE PRODUCTION UNIT COMES ON STREAM, AND FOUR VETERINARY OFFICERS WILL VISIT INDONESIA FOR ABOUT 2 MONTHS TO OBSERVE PROGRAM AND ASSIST WHERE REQUIRED. VETS CHOSEN HAVE FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE WITH FMD ERADICATION IN THE 1967 OUTBREAK IN UK.

3. TEAM OF ANIMAL HEALTH EXPERTS FROM GOA ANIMAL QUARANTINE

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VISITED BALI IN JUNE TO ASSESS EXTENT OF OUTBREAK AND DANGER TO

AUSTRALIA. THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRONG PRESSURE FROM
AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERS LED TO CABINET APPROVAL OF THIS AID
PROGRAM.
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